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President: Mr. Ali ..... (Malaysia)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*) (E/2010/2 and Corr.1 and E/2010/7; E/2010/L.1)

1. **The President** drew attention to the note by the Secretary-General contained in document E/2010/7 transmitting to the Council a note verbale dated 28 January 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Egypt informing the Office of Legal Affairs that Egypt withdrew its objection to the amendment proposed by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. He intended to transmit document E/2010/7 to the Legal Counsel so that arrangements could be made for its transmittal by the Secretary-General, acting in his capacity as depositary to the parties to the Convention.

The meeting was suspended at 10.15 a.m. and resumed at 10.45 a.m.

2. **The President** drew attention to the draft proposals submitted by the President of the Council and members of the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (l) of Council decision 1988/77 (E/2010/L.1).

Draft decision I: Proposed date of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

3. *Draft decision I was adopted.*

Draft decision II: Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2010 of the Economic and Social Council

4. *Draft decision II was adopted.*

Draft decision III: Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2011

5. *Draft decision III was adopted.*

Draft decision IV: Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2010 of the Economic and Social Council

6. *Draft decision IV was adopted.*

Draft decision V: Operational activities segment of the substantive session of 2010 of the Economic and Social Council

7. *Draft decision V was adopted.*

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

8. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the four outstanding vacancies on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012. Egypt and Ghana had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Malaysia had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; and Norway had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States. Since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidate proposed.

9. *It was so decided.*

10. *Egypt, Ghana, Malaysia and Norway were elected members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.*

Other matters

11. **Mr. Patriota** (Brazil) said that General Assembly resolution 64/250 highlighted the importance of medium- and long-term effort for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Haiti following its recent earthquake. It was clear from the magnitude of the destruction and the loss of life that international support would be necessary not only in the form of immediate humanitarian assistance, but also in the long run.

12. The international community had responded promptly and generously to the call for emergency assistance. The Secretary-General's leadership had been instrumental in ensuring a speedy and effective response by the United Nations system and the

international conference on the reconstruction of Haiti to be held in New York in March 2010 would provide an opportunity for further action.

13. As the principal body of the United Nations responsible for coordinating the economic, social and related work of the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, the Council had a role to play in discussions regarding support for the Haitian Government. He therefore proposed that an informal meeting of the Council should be convened as soon as reasonably possible to allow for an exchange of views between Member States, relevant United Nations entities and other relevant actors on how the Council could contribute further to overcoming the present emergency and achieving the rehabilitation and recovery of the Haitian economy and population. Such discussions could provide important mandates for the United Nations system's development pillar and renewed guidance to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, with a view to ensuring the coherence and long-term sustainability of efforts in support of Haiti, on the basis of its long-term national development priorities. He hoped that other members of the Council would support the initiative.

14. **Mr. St. Aimee** (Saint Lucia) said that his delegation supported the proposal.

15. **Mr. Khan** (Pakistan), recalling that, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/16, the Council was entitled to convene meetings as and when needed, said that his delegation also supported the proposal.

16. **Mr. Seth** (Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination) said that, in addition, the Council would have two opportunities to discuss coordination, policy and long-term assistance to Haiti at its substantive session of 2010, one during the humanitarian affairs segment and the other when the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti was discussed during the general segment.

17. **Ms. Meyer** (Observer for the World Bank) said that the World Bank would be willing to participate in any special session in order to provide information on its response to the situation in Haiti.

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.